

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 15-32 are pending. Claims 20 and 26 have been amended. No new matter is presented.

Claims 15-32 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Mullaney (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,484). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As previously asserted, the option of claim 15 has the same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected. This means that if the selected display language is Japanese, and the language of the option is set to be English, the option will be in English regardless of the fact that the selected display language is Japanese. This is best illustrated in Fig. 8A, where the selected (and displayed) language is Japanese but the option "LANGUAGE" appears in English.

The Examiner asserts that Fig. 4, Fig. 5 and the "<Back" button (510) correspond to the claimed first screen, second screen and option. In the telephone discussion conducted on March 5, 2003, the Examiner asserted that a user, perhaps speaking English, may select a language, such as German, in the screen of Fig. 4 of Mullaney. However, when the screen is advanced to that of Fig. 5, the default language (in this example, English) will still be used for the display. In other words, the "<Back" button will still be in English, until the system is restarted (see col. 5, lines 17-24). The newly selected German language will not take effect until the system has been restarted, therefore, the "<back" button will, in fact, have the same appearance regardless of the language selected. The Examiner also made reference to the discussion in col. 2, lines 49-59, to illustrate this point. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner is misinterpreting Mullaney.

Essentially, the Examiner believes that the language selected in Fig. 4 of Mullaney (in this case, German) does not influence the display language in Fig. 5 until the system is restarted. In other words, the display will not switch over to German until the system is restarted. However, this is not a correct interpretation of what is taught by Mullaney. Mullaney actually discloses three (3) separate embodiments in Figs. 1-3, respectively.

The embodiment shown in Fig. 1 does not involve the screen shown in Fig. 5. As seen in col. 3, lines 32-39, the language selection screen 400 (Fig. 4) is used to select the preferred language. In response to the selected language, the system restarts in the selected language. The embodiment of Fig. 1 will never use the screen of Fig. 5.

According to the second and third embodiments, which relate to Figs. 2 and 3 respectively, the language selected in Fig. 4 is used in the screens of Figs. 5-8 by using a Unix command without restarting. Applicant refers the Examiner to col. 5, lines 26-35, which states:

In alternative embodiments of system locale configuration 200, 300, a user is displayed 202, 208, 210 one or more additional screens 500, 600, 700, 800 in response to his or her language selection. The additional screens 500, 600, 700, 800 are locale dependent, and correspond to the language selected by the user. In UNIX, the additional screens may be accessed by temporarily setting the LANG and LC.sub.-- ALL variables in accordance with the user selected language. Additional screens 500, 600, 700, 800 are then retrieved from an appropriate language database, and allow a user to further customize system locale.

According to this disclosure, in the second and third embodiments of Mullaney, when German is selected under an English environment in Fig. 4, German is displayed on the screens of Figs. 5-8 *without* restarting and the “<Back” button *will* be in German, contrary to the Examiner’s assertions. Applicant respectfully submits that this disclosure demonstrates the

Examiner's misunderstanding of the disclosed embodiments of Mullaney and has improperly combined the functions of the separate embodiments to recreate the claimed invention.

For the foregoing reasons, independent claims 5, 27 and 30 are not anticipated by Mullaney. Claims 16-19, 28, 29, 31 and 32 are all allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.

With respect to claims 20 and 26, the Examiner asserted that the claims do not recite that the link between the second screen and the first screen necessarily be a direct link. Thus, the Examiner asserted that if you press the "<back" button twice, you will actually go from the second screen of Fig. 6 to the screen of Fig. 4. Therefore, claims 20 and 26 have been amended to clarify that the language screen will be displayed directly when the option is selected. Mullaney fails to teach or suggest this direct link. Thus, Mullaney fails to teach or suggest the features of claims 20 and 26. The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn. Applicant also requests that this after-final Amendment be entered since the amendment to claims 20 and 26 merely clarifies the invention as understood by the Examiner and the subject matter has already been the subject of a search, and thus no further search is required.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 20 and 26 as follows:

20. (Amended) A device comprising:

a display unit;

means for displaying a first screen on the display unit for selecting a display language;

and

means for displaying a plurality of second screens on the display unit, each of which has an option, wherein the first screen is directly displayed when the option is designated on any one of the second screens.

26. (Amended) A device comprising:

a display unit;

means for displaying a screen on the display unit for selecting a display language; and

a dedicated key switch provided outside of the display unit, wherein the display language selection screen is directly displayed on the display unit when the dedicated key switch is operated.